INTRODUCTION

Bahnar is a language of the Mon-Khmer family spoken by 50,000-70,000 people living in the provinces of Gia Lai-Cong Tum and Nghia Binh in Viet Nam. Within the Mon-Khmer family lexicostatistics have suggested that Bahnar belongs to the North Bahnaric subgroup (Thomas, 1966), whereas phonological studies have suggested a South Bahnaric orientation (Smith, 1972). Attempting to reconcile these differences a Central Bahnaric relation has been suggested (Gregerson, Smith and Thomas, 1976). This dictionary is based primarily on the dialect of Bahnar spoken in the Plei Bong Mor-Mang Yang area of Gia Lai-Cong Tum (formerly Pleiku) province.

Two other dialects are also included in this dictionary: the Bahnar Gơlar dialect which is spoken in an area 10-20 kilometers east of Pleiku city and the Kontum dialect spoken around the city of Kontum. Each of these dialects has around 10,000 native speakers. Entries for the Kontum dialect are few but there are other dictionaries of the Kontum dialect (Dourisboure, 1889; Guilleminet and Alberty, 1959, 1963). Entries for the Gơlar dialect are much more numerous and this dialect is closer lexically to the Plei Bong-Mang Yang dialect (cf. Phạm Xuân Tín, 1952).

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